

City of Gresham
Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
September 14, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room, Gresham City Hall

Meeting Minutes

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
ASERT	<i>John Vandermosten</i>	Northeast	NOT ACTIVE
Centennial		North Gresham	
Central City	<i>Bob Pung, Nancy Edmison</i>	Northwest	<i>Diane Wichman</i>
Gresham Butte		Gresham Pleasant Valley	
Hollybrook	NOT ACTIVE	Powell Valley	<i>Joe Lagerstrom, Bob Hurley</i>
Kelly Creek	<i>Carol Rulla, Charles Teem</i>	Rockwood	<i>John Bildsoe, Catherine Nicewood</i>
Mt. Hood		Southwest	<i>Suzan Wells, Jeff Nelson</i>
North Central		Wilkes-East	<i>Curt Duvall, Marc Thornsby</i>
Guests:	<i>Patrick Williams, Caryn Shetterly, Kelle Landavazo</i>		

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Carol Rulla, Coalition President, at 7:00PM. Carol announced temporary Coalition Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Edmison from Central City Neighborhood Association.

Quorum: Eight (8) Neighborhood Associations were represented with elected board members; constituting a quorum.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of 8/10/2010 approved without correction.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion on Crime Information to share with Neighborhood Associations: Lt. Patrick Williams (Investigations, Gresham Police Department) talked about Crime Stats and reporting. NA feedback needed on communicating crime info to public. BOEC (Bureau of Emergency Center) is the 911 dispatch center run out of Portland. Crime stats can be misleading because they depend on what the Public reports.

Cop Logic: to start October 1, 2010. It was used in LA and being brought to Gresham as it was successful there. It is an on-line non-emergency reporting system. Public can report from home, on computer in Police lobby, or fill out a form and wait for an officer. Officers are being trained on its use and can make a report record on-site so they aren't pulled away before their work on-site is completed. Policies are being worked on at present.

Members asked about recent daytime burglaries. Police have some leads but need to be careful about sharing info which could tip off suspects as well encourage copycats. Members asked about simply raising public awareness about burglaries. Pat agreed that would be appropriate and said Police send many press releases per day. City is working on crime trends feature for city website to help with communication.

Caryn Shetterly (Gresham Police Crime Analyst) discussed working with CrimeReports.com. CrimesReports based on calls for service and only 25-30% become case reports. New feature has: On-line map of neighborhoods; Chat room where people can talk about problems; See "sex offenders" with pictures; CrimeReport iPhone application. Free for public; city pays fee for service.

Kelle Landavazo (Gresham Citizen Corps Program Coordinator) announced next Safety Forum on Saturday, November 20, 9:00AM- 12:00PM. City will have more info on plans to share crime info with NAs.

Discussion of Draft Template for Neighborhood Association Bylaws: Draft template can be used or not by NAs. NAs still in charge of own bylaws and can modify template as needed. Question for review: template content concise but sufficient?

Article I, Name: no change.

Article II, Purpose: no change.

Article III, Boundaries: City code on NAs (Art. 2.60) says boundaries are NA decisions; City is not involved. Neighborhood District language included in template because Districts included in city code. Code says Neighborhood Districts are "to enhance communication between associations and the city." Members agreed that Coalition already does what Neighborhood Districts were to do and Districts not needed. Citizen Involvement Committee recommendation to recognize Coalition is moving forward.

Motion by Marc Thornsburg, seconded; with friendly amendment by John

Vandermosten: "I move that the Coalition recommend to the City that it remove language about "Neighborhood Districts" and replace it with recognition of the "Coalition" instead." (In Gresham Revised Code Article 2.60.)

Vote: YES - 8; NO - 0; Motion: carried.

Concern about draft provisions to change NA boundaries by petition because it might create too many NAs. Consensus that we need an approval process to create new NAs but not to just adjust boundaries. Consensus that Coalition as a peer group is the best entity to give approval (not City). Standards need to be made for approval: minimum NA size? etc. Marc, Charlie and Carol to work on this.

Neighborhood & City News & Reports:

- 1) Suzan Wells, SWNA: Private Stormwater Detention Ponds: who's in charge when city fails to get developer and HOA signatures on paperwork creating a private detention pond?
- 2) September 30, 6:30-8:00PM, City Hall: Community discussion with Metro COO Michael Jordan.
- 3) September 25: Teddy Bear Parade. Carol collecting names of members participating in the Parade.
- 4) City Council will soon work on next Council Work Plan; any Coalition recommendations? Send to Carol before next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM.

Minutes prepared by: Nancy Edmison, Central City NA
and Carol Rulla, Coalition President

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room
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NOTE: The Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations is referred to in the minutes as "Coalition". Neighborhood Associations are referred to in the minutes as "NA".